
KOINONIA

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship (Koinonia) of the Holy Spirit be with you all."
2 Corinthians 13:14

NORWIN ALLIANCE CHURCH

AUGUST 2022



If you should ask me what is the focus of Alliance churches, I would say "Jesus and Missions."

In God's Providence, Jesus and Missions are what we see most in the Bible and is how Alliance churches fit in with the Body of Christ world-wide.

On Sunday, August 14th, let's build up our visiting missionaries, Krystal and David, who will be sowing very soon in the Middle East as Krystal has done years previously.

Good quote of the Spirit of God from old preacher Jim Cymbala of the Brooklyn Tabernacle:

"Any voice that says, 'clean up your act first and then come to Christ' is not from the Holy Spirit."

"The Holy Spirit was given, as His name implies, to give us a holy life from God."

"God didn't send the Holy Spirit to give us thrills and chills, he sent the Spirit to empower us to point lost people to Jesus."

"The Holy Spirit brings power, but He also brings unity and love. He insists we repent of prejudices and division of every kind."

"The Holy Spirit is stronger than any abuse. He brings help to the most troubled lives and grows someone beautiful."



 **ALL OF JESUS FOR ALL THE WORLD**



WEDNESDAY PRAYER TIME

1st Wednesday of each month

Wednesday, August 3rd

7:00 pm

Join us on the first Wednesday of each month for a time to pray for: one another; our church family; the mission, purpose, staff, and leaders of Norwin Alliance Church; the church universal; our community; our nation; and the world. If you have a specific prayer request, please join us for this time of prayer, or if you cannot attend, please contact the church office with your prayer request. We pray that this special time of monthly prayer together will help us see what God wants us to do as a church and build unity in and through our church members.

"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

- Matthew 18:19-20



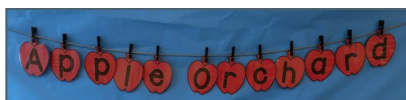
Alliance's position on Sanctity of Life ~

As our nation responds to the recent Supreme Court ruling to overturn Roe v. Wade, The Alliance affirms its long-held position on the sanctity of life. "At this historic moment, I commend those within the Alliance family who have labored faithfully to preserve and protect all lives, including those of the unborn. You have persevered through the decades upholding the sanctity of life," responds U.S. Alliance President John Stumbo. "Meanwhile, this must be a moment when we join together with the greater Christian community in committing to new levels of encouragement with ministry to children, mothers, fathers, and families. As Christ's Church, we are called to demonstrate His loving and sacrificial posture toward those impacted by this ruling. Let's bless the lives we've fought for."

Norwin Alliance Church Preschool



Preschool is already planning and preparing for the fall. In September, we are going to transform our dramatic play center into an apple orchard where the boys and girls can pick their own apples and then make pretend pies, apple sauce, etc. We are currently gathering the supplies and materials needed for this transformation. If you have any of the following items and would like to donate them to the preschool it would be greatly appreciated. Stop down in September and check out the preschool apple orchard! Thank you in advance! ☺



- Plastic apples – any color
- Artificial fall flowers – mums and sunflowers
- Aluminum pie plates
- Light brown felt
- Measuring cups and spoons
- Empty, clean applesauce cups
- Empty flour, sugar and butter containers



This summer, we will continue to collect items for the Irwin Area Food Pantry.

If you would like to contribute, a box is available in both narthex's. August's collection item: **Canned Meats** (tuna, chicken, spam, etc)

Thank you so much for any contributions you can make.



Age 3 - grade 5

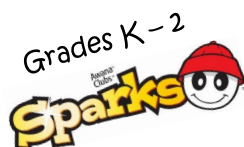
You are invited to join us on Wednesday, August 24th as we start a new AWANA year.

AWANA meets on Wednesday nights from 6:45-8:00 pm, starting August 24th with a special Petting Zoo evening. Every week we spend time together learning God's Word, playing games, eating snacks, and having lots of fun with each other.

Whether you are a Cubbie (pre-K), Spark (K-2), or T&T (gr 3-5), we hope to see you there.

Registration is free. You may register at the church or online www.norwinalliance.org.

Please join us on August 24th.



Grades 3 – 5



On Sunday, August 21st, our young people who are age 2 ~ entering Kindergarten ~ entering 3rd grade ~ entering 6th grade will receive new Bibles:

Alaina Morris
Stella Hitchins
Blake Sturges
Matthew Denney

If you know of another young person who should receive a Bible, please let Carole Sarber know.

Marriage & Family

The Marriage and Family Sunday School class is currently studying homosexuality. The class focuses on the Biblical position, as well as how to minister to the LGBTQ community and help parents handle the myriad of issues and questions children will have in light of the current cultural climate.

This class meets in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 am and is lead by Jeff Ewing and Ron Dornin.

youth SUNDAY SCHOOL Grades 6-12

"WE ARE WITNESSES"

During the 2022-2023 school year, the youth class will be diving into the book of ACTS each Sunday morning from 9:45-10:30 am. We will watch the Scriptures come alive on-screen with a video rendition of the text that comes word-for-word from the Bible itself and further our study with activities and discussion centered around the key theme of witnessing as present in the book of ACTS and on into today.

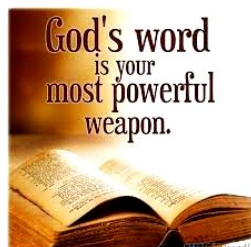
From learning verses in sign language to writing our own comics to comparing Ewoks with Lystrans, expect to have a wild time as you grow in your walk with God!

BIBLE QUIZZING

Grades 3 - 12

This upcoming school year we will be quizzing on the book of ACTS. We practice each week at the church and then compete with teams from other area churches in age-leveled divisions on the first Saturday of each month.

Quizzing is a great way to learn God's Word, build teamwork skills and life-long friendships, and experience a truly one-of-a-kind community.



Youth

YOUTH SUNDAY is August 21st. On that day we will share with the congregation some of the things we have been doing over the last year, with a special emphasis on the Life Conference which was held in Orlando, Florida during the first full week of July. We had four youth and two youth leaders who were able to participate this year from Norwin. Overall, there were 6,000 students from around the country who participated in LIFE 2022.



The overall theme of LIFE 2022 was:

JESUS > EVERYTHING

Each session was a particular topic that Jesus was bigger than that which the teens would think are important: future plans, sex, privilege, Sunday, issues, reputation, money, power. Come Sunday, August 21 to hear more of what the youth learned at LIFE.

August 21st is also promotion Sunday - all those going into 6th grade are officially "promoted" into the youth group.

- † In the fall we will continue with our Scripture studies, games, times of fellowship, and events (to be announced at a later date).
- † The Middle School youth (gr. 6-8) have a retreat in the fall known as JOLT, which has been held for the last several years at Laurelville Camp near Mt. Pleasant.
- † We also have PITT students coming in once a month who have led discussions on apologetics and on missions work.
- † We have plans for the fall to have speakers talking about some of what youth might experience after high school - for example, the challenges of a Christian vs. a State college, etc.

VIGNETTES by VIRGINIA

Hundreds of cars and large trucks are traveling up and down busy highways. You can observe them turning into shopping areas; the drivers are maybe stopping for a meal, groceries, a hair trim, automobile/home supplies, needs for a dog/cat/fish/lizard at the vet's supply shop. A shopping center has numerous stores that holds thousands of items that are used on a continuous basis. The cost of most items has increased, it is common knowledge to have extra dollars available to purchase weekly basics.

Many of these changes affect families and friends every day, therefore we need to be reminded AGAIN of God's protection and love for us. As we look around, it can be easy to forget that God takes such excellent care of us ALL the time. You might think that is a silly statement; often we become so busy that we just need to STOP for a moment, be thankful and pray for patience and direction. (Believe me, I am very aware of that)

Former evangelist Billy Graham's grandson, Will Graham, is now following in his grandfather's example. Will said his grandfather has 'instructed' him. His teachings have been *"Make prayer and studying the Bible a priority in your life today."* *"Turn your focus away from the material things, and concentrate on what is important in the scope of eternity."* *"Prayer restores us; prayer brings communion and forgiveness; prayer brings power."* Will encouraged us to read and study James chapter 5.

In our very busy world, schedule an opportunity to visit adults in the oldest generation. They can give us the best lessons of what they learned in life, how they 'taught' their family, how they survived. A believer will be so anxious to relate how the Lord

helped him/her through every day - the good and difficult, when they laughed/cried/hugged. We know they worked hard and celebrated in different ways than we are allowed to celebrate now.

Biblical terms that involve movement in various actions will follow:

KNOWLEDGE/WISDOM

Example of Solomon talking to the Lord - I Kings 3:10-15; Psalm 111:10; Proverbs 10:14, *"The wise accumulate knowledge and true treasure"*; Romans 11:33-36, *The Doxology*. (Plenty more in both Testaments)

GUARD/DEFENSE/DEFEND/PROTECTION

Ecclesiastes 3:8

WALK

Micah 6:8 *"Walk humbly with the Lord"*; Ephesians 4:1-3 (The Message) *"Walk-Run!! On the road God called you to travel"*; II John 4 *"Walk in the truth as the Father commanded you."*

PURCHASE/BUY/MARKET

Proverbs 23:22-25 (The Message) *"Buy truth, buy wisdom, buy education, buy insight."*

Romans 12:9-21 can be an interesting/helpful study also.

What do you suggest are the most advantageous personal observations at this point of your life? We are covered with blessings galore. Even the hardships are allowed by our heavenly Father so we will learn a very important lesson to share with another person who may also need to learn reasons for a similar difficulty. Pray together. Share a Biblical passage that teaches a specific lesson. Be extremely thankful that God is watching over your entire life and HE IS IN COMPLETE CONTROL!

**NO Bible studies in August**

The Men's and Women's Bible studies will be taking a break the month of August and the first couple weeks of September.



We will continue to "Saturate" our neighborhoods with the good news of Jesus on Saturday, **August 6 and 27.**

Please sign the sheet in the narthex under the dates you are able to help distribute packets.

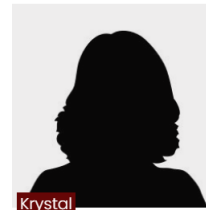
MISSIONS CONFERENCE

One day only ~ Sunday, August 14, 2022

Join us on Sunday, August 14 as Krystal shares in both Worship Services and also in Sunday School what God has been doing in and through her.

We will conclude the day with a luncheon for all.

Please plan to join us.



Missions Emphasis: All of Jesus for All the World

The task of taking All of Jesus to All the World is the reason God breathed The Alliance into existence. This is why we send workers. This is why we plant churches. This is why we extend the love, care, and compassion of Jesus to the world's suffering, marginalized, and underserved. It's also why we go to the last, remaining hard places instead of locations more hospitable to gospel messengers.



The Alliance is committed to extending gospel presence. No matter how remote the location, how rugged the terrain, or how resistant the people, we go-and we stay until the gospel takes root and bears fruit.

For Alliance international workers, being present is everything. They have answered the call to go and make disciples among the lost and overlooked in some of the world's toughest places. Nothing is more vital than gospel presence, and our workers carry the presence of Jesus with them as they proclaim the gospel in word and deed.

This spring, international workers were asked what it means for them to be present among the communities they serve. Following are a few of their answers:

"For me, being present means being here in this creative-access location, faithfully scattering seeds with cultural awareness and contextual sensitivity. When the grain is ripe, I am ready to harvest it."

worker in the Middle East

"For us, being present means meeting basic needs, giving medical care, and showing compassion, dignity, and the love of Jesus daily to hundreds or thousands of internally displaced people who live in camps around the trash landfill in our city. We are able to be present when crisis happens, when tragedy strikes, and when there seems to be no hope. We are bringing them the hope, in tangible and relational ways, being light in the darkness. To God be the glory!"

workers in West Africa

"For our team, being present means sitting around a table and drinking tea with our friends. This is part of the way in which we are able to share stories of our Lord and Savior."

"For our team, being present means sitting and crying with believers who face persecution from their family and friends. During this time, being present shows Central Asian believers that they have a community that is stronger than family bonds."

workers in Central Asia

"For us, being present means sharing the burdens that migrant workers carry, letting them know they are not alone in this foreign land and that there are people and a Savior who loves them."

"For us, being present means doing life with people. One day, it is by connecting with owners of an IT start-up as a way to impact the lives of driven young people who are far from Christ. Another day, it is by encouraging an older brother who is going through cancer treatment to sing on the church's music team for the first time."

workers in Europe

"For us, being present means showing God's love in practical ways in order to establish trust and intentionally building relationships that will support the weight of the gospel in the most secular country in Latin America."

Workers in Latin America

taken from cmalliance.org - May 16, 2022



The August meeting of Norwin Alliance Keen-Agers will be on Thursday, August 25 at **11:00 am**.

The meal will be Hot Dogs and Hamburgers on the grill, sides, cupcakes, fruit. Please bring a side dish to share.

**** Food Pantry item is: Boxed Cereal**

Everyone age 50 and over is invited to join us for lunch and fellowship.

Hope to see you on August 25th ~ we are looking forward to having a great afternoon together.

Make a Joyful noise ...

It's time to start our CHOIRS up again.



The BELL CHOIR will resume on August 11th at 6:30 pm. We meet each week. New members are always welcome.

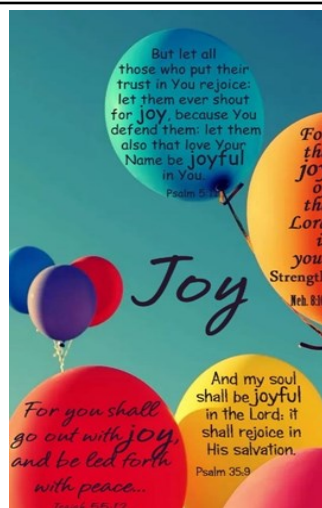


Vocalists 12 and up are invited to join the CHOIR as we begin on Thursday, August 25th at 7 pm. We meet weekly for 60-90 minutes. You do NOT need to read music or be a soloist. Come be a part of worship and a member of a loving small group.

Not able to commit to weekly, pray about joining in for the CHRISTMAS CANTATA. These members join in for a few months from 7:45 PM- 9:00 pm on Thursdays. These rehearsals will begin September 22nd.



If you have questions, please contact Vicki Booher at: 412-398-1343 or musicdirector@norwinalliance.org



Day of JOY

This year's DAY OF JOY will be held on Sunday, September 19th. As in other years, we will be meeting outside under the tents, weather permitting. We will have a Sunday service, including worship music, a message and lunch! Please plan to come and bring a friend or 2.

More details will follow so watch your bulletins to see the plan unfold.



September 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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Be in prayer for the day, for who you will invite, and how you will be involved.

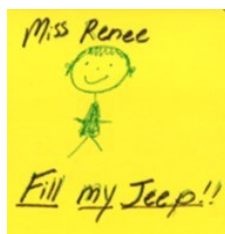
A brief planning meeting will be held, Sunday, July 31 at noon in the Fellowship hall. All are invited to attend.

Ladies Night Out

Friday, August 19th
6:00 pm

Siena ~ North Huntingdon

Please sign the sheet in the narthex if you would like to join the ladies for a night of food and friendship.



Operation Christmas Child

Delivering Good News and Great Joy to children around the world is what Samaritan's Purse through a project known as Operation Christmas Child (OCC) does.

Let's once again FILL RENEE'S JEEP

You may pick-up a decorative box from the shelf in the narthex (will be available soon) and fill it up with a variety of gifts and small toys ~ Include a check for \$9.00 to help cover cost of shipping ~ Secure lid with a rubber band ~ Attach appropriate label (boy/girl) and mark age category (located inside each box). Return boxes to the church by November 6th. The boxes will be dedicated and prayed for on November 13th. They will then be taken to one of the collection facilities.

For more information on shoebox gifts, packing, "follow your box", and \$9 donation cost, go to:
<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ>



❖ LOVE PACKAGES ❖

Literature donated to "Love Packages" is distributed to bring the good news to a lost world.

If you have extra Bibles, reference materials, study Bibles, and/or teaching materials, please consider donating to "Love Packages" at 220 Union St., Butler, IL 62015

For more information, please contact Sara Masters or visit www.lovepackages.org



Did you know Norwin Alliance Church has a Facebook page?

If you have a personal Facebook account, you can "LIKE" or "FOLLOW" our page to stay up-to-date with what's happening at Norwin Alliance! You can also share our page, posts, and livestream videos to your newsfeed. Think of it as an outreach opportunity! Just look for the profile picture shown to the left to be sure you have the correct page. Or, you can type the following link into your web browser:

<https://www.facebook.com/NorwinAllianceChurch>



We also livestream our 10:45 AM service to our Facebook page every Sunday! Typically, we go LIVE at 10:40 AM, where you can see scrolling announcements prior to the start of the service. PLEASE NOTE: If you're on our page waiting for the livestream to start prior to 10:40, you may need to refresh the page if the video does not show up automatically. If you can't watch live, you can watch at a later time. You can access the archived videos directly through Facebook at the following link:

https://www.facebook.com/NorwinAllianceChurch/live_videos

Or, you can also access the archived videos through our website's audio page at the following link:

<http://www.norwinalliance.org/audio-links.php>

PLEASE NOTE: You DO NOT need to log-in or have a personal Facebook account to access our Facebook page and livestreams. You can type the following link into your web browser to access our page:

<https://www.facebook.com/NorwinAllianceChurch>

You can also find the direct link to our Facebook page on our website's homepage, underneath the picture slideshow: